

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 19-22 and 24-36 have been examined: claims 32, 33, 35 and 36 stand rejected, claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 19-22 and 24-31 are allowed, and claim 34 is indicated as containing allowable subject matter. By the above amendments, claims 15, 20, 24, 25, 32 and 35 have been amended and claims 33 and 34 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 19-22 and 24-32, 35 and 36 now are pending in the subject application. Favorable reconsideration of the application and allowance of all of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 32 is amended herein to include the subject matter of objected to claim 34 (and intervening claim 33). Claim 35 is amended to depend from claim 32. Claims 32, 35 and 36 should therefore be in condition for allowance.

Amendments are made herein to claims 15, 20, 24 and 25 to correct minor typographical related issues.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 19-22 and 24-32, 35 and 36. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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